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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 9, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Dear God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We give You thanks as well as we begin the fall season of the people's House. Please give the Members of this House hope and wisdom as they confront old problems and unresolved issues. Give them an understanding both of who they were called to be by You, and what they are elected to do by the American people.

Make them trustworthy as they seek what is best for our Nation. Free them from defensiveness toward and suspicion of those with whom they do not share party loyalties or political persuasions. Bind them together in a shared commitment to You, a passionate patriotism, and a deep dedication to find creative solutions in the concerns that confront us and divide us in these times.

May Your blessing, O God, be with them and with us all this day and every day to come, and may all we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRADY of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, 10 years ago, I was headed to the courthouse as a judge in Houston, Texas. I was driving my jeep and listening to country western music when I heard on the radio that New York was under attack. Later that day, as most Americans were watching television, as I was later in the evening, I saw those attacks on New York and the Pentagon and how thousands of people, Americans, were running as hard as they could to get away from that terror in the sky.

But there was another group of people, not very many, but they were

there. And they were running as hard as they could to get to that terror from the skies. And who were they? They were our first responders—peace officers, Port Authority officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and volunteers. And they rushed into those burning buildings and saved people.

And while today it is just as important that we remember those thousands that died on 9/11, we should also remember those that got to live because America's first responders went into those buildings and saved them.

And that's just the way it is.

REMEMBER, REFLECT, RESOLVE

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, Sunday is the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the day the world changed.

Two hundred and seven names are remembered in the Boston Public Garden 9/11 Memorial. Six were my constituents: Lynn Goodchild; Christopher Zarba, Jr.; Linda George; Robin Kaplan; Dianne Snyder; and Tara Creamer.

Back then, Tony Blair challenged the world to use the unity created in the aftermath of those horrible attacks to create a "community of good." To help the world's most vulnerable; those without schools, food, water, or work without dignity.

We should reflect on how well we have responded to that challenge. We need to resolve to do better and make our country better, and to do more to heal the wounds of the world.

On the first Sunday after 9/11, at an ecumenical service in Worcester, Massachusetts, I said our faith teaches us that love is stronger than hate. I still believe that. Now, more than ever, I believe that is the legacy of 9/11 most deserving of our political will and attention.

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